

MINUTES
WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014
7:00 P.M.

The Commission of the City of Waycross met in Regular Session on Tuesday, August 19, 2014 in the Commission Chambers of City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance with Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins were Commissioners, Marian Solomon-Gaines and Alvin Nelson. Mayor Clarence E. Billups, and Commissioners Norman Davis and Larry Ethridge were not present.

Interim City Manager Raphel Maddox introduced Generations Pastor Johnny Mitchum of Destination Church of Blackshear, Georgia who offered the opening invocation and Commissioner Alvin Nelson introduced Lilly James Farmer, a fifth grader at Williams Heights school who led the Pledge of Allegiance

Under Executive Duties, Mayor Pro Tem Diane Hopkins announced that the September 1, 2014 work session will be rescheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

A Proclamation declaring Waycross-Ware County Day at Jaguars Game was read by the City Clerk.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross and the County of Ware are honored to be recognized as special spectators on Game day 7 scheduled October 19 in Jacksonville, Florida, the home of the Jacksonville Jaguars; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 19th season Waycross and Ware County spectators have supported the Jacksonville Jaguars and our community's fans look forward to receiving discounted tickets and special seating as well as transportation to Game 7 played against the Cleveland browns on October 19th at Everbank Field.

NOW THEREFORE IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION of Game 7 played by the Jacksonville Jaguars against the Cleveland Browns, I, Clarence E. Billups, Mayor of the City of Waycross and I, Jimmy Brown, Chairman of Ware County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim City of Waycross and Ware County Day on October 19 at EverBank Field in Jacksonville and we urge our citizens to support the Jaguars throughout the season.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto, set our hands and have caused the Seal of the City of Waycross and the Seal of Ware County to be affixed this 19th day of August and this 25th day of August, 2014.

CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor
City of Waycross

JIMMY BROWN, Chairman
Ware Co. Board of Commission

Interim City Manager Raphel Maddox presented Mr. and Mrs. Scott Cooper with a plaque recognizing the Waycross Journal Herald for many years of service to the City of Waycross.

During the Interim City Manager's Report, Raphel Maddox reminded the Commission and public to support the Ware County Gators and paint Waycross Green and Gold.

There were no public remarks on official action.

Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins presented the Consent Calendar as read by City Clerk, Julie Dinkins for consideration of official action as follows:

Approval of Minutes: Waycross City Commission Planning & Information Session and Executive Session Affidavit, Monday, August 4, 2014; Waycross Commission Meeting, Tuesday, August 5, 2014.

An Ordinance to Close and Abandon a ten foot wide alley approximately 168 feet long running from James Street to Delia Street in the area of 1503 Buchannon Street was presented for the second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-16

AN ORDINANCE TO CLOSE AND ABANDON A TEN FOOT WIDE ALLEY APPROXIMATELY 168 FEET LONG RUNNING FROM JAMES STREET TO DELIA STREET IN THE AREA OF 1503 BUCHANNON STREET; TO AUTHORIZE QUITCLAIM DEEDS TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE ABANDONED RIGHT-OF-WAY; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There were no Consent Resolutions or Privilege License Renewals.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion was approved with a 3 – 0 vote.

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 31 of the Code of the City of Waycross Pertaining to Pawn Shops was presented for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-17

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 31 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA; TO AMEND CHAPTER 31 PERTAINING TO SECONDHAND DEALERS TO INCLUDE PAWN SHOPS AND DEALERS IN PRECIOUS METALS AND GEMS; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO PROVIDE FOR RENUMBERING OR RELETTERING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to approve the An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 31 of the Code of the City of Waycross Pertaining to Pawn Shops as presented for the first reading. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion; all voted in favor and the motion carried.

A Resolution of the City of Waycross To Approve Application for Loan under the City's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for Rivers and Associates d/b/a Waycross Family Pharmacy was presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-64

A RESOLUTION OF THE WAYCROSS CITY COMMISSION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER THE CITY'S REVOLVING LOAN FUND FOR RIVERS & ASSOCIATES LLC D/B/A/ WAYCROSS FAMILY PHARMACY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Waycross maintains a Local Revolving Loan Fund (hereinafter "RLF") through the Department of Community Affairs (hereinafter "DCA") Community Development Block Grant Employment Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, Revolving Loan Funds are designed to fund businesses as an alternative to traditional bank loans when said loans are difficult to obtain due to stricter underwriting standards, and help businesses to generate jobs and support the local community by employing local workers; and

WHEREAS, the City's Revolving Loan Fund Committee, having considered the application of Rivers & Associates LLC D/B/A Waycross Family Pharmacy, and determined that said business meets all of the qualifications to be approved for another loan from the City's Revolving Loan Fund, in the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00); and

WHEREAS, said funds are available and the matter having been duly considered;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Waycross that the City of Waycross approve the application of Rivers & Associates LLC D/B/A Waycross Family Pharmacy for a business loan in the amount of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) for the purchase of property at 1305 Tebeau Street to allow for expansion of said business; said loan repayment to be deferred for the first year, and amortized thereafter for ten (10) years at an interest rate of three point five percent (3.5%) until the balance of said loan is paid in full.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, City Clerk and City Manager are hereby authorized, directed and empowered to execute any necessary loan documents needed for the City Attorney to close the RLF transaction for said business, and without delay.

SO RESOLVED, this 19th day of August, 2014.

CITY OF WAYCROSS, GEORGIA

BY: CLARENCE E. BILLUPS, Mayor

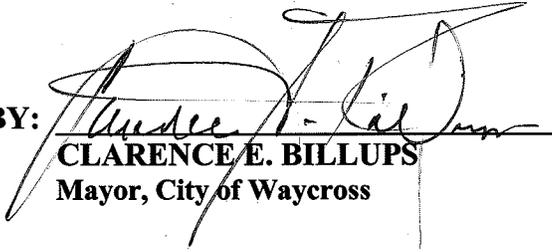
ATTEST:
JULIE DINKINS, City Clerk

A Resolution of the City of Waycross To Approve Application for Loan under the City's RLF for Rivers and Associates d/b/a Waycross Family Pharmacy as presented was approved by motion from Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alvin Nelson. All Commissioners voted yes and the motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

After last call, Commissioner Marian Solomon-Gaines made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Alvin Nelson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and Mayor Pro Tem Hopkins adjourned the meeting.

CITY OF WAYCROSS

BY:


CLARENCE E. BILLUPS
Mayor, City of Waycross

ATTEST:


JULIE C. DINKINS, City Clerk